

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 221  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Will T. Cheek upon  
his meritorious service as chairman of the  
Tennessee Democratic Party.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should  
pause to pay tribute to those exemplary public servants who have worked assiduously and  
without thought of personal gain to ensure the prosperity of their respective political parties; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Will Cheek, former chairman of the Tennessee Democratic Party, is  
most assuredly one such estimable citizen deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Nashville, Will Cheek graduated from Middle Tennessee  
State University and earned a Master of Arts degree in Economics from the University of  
Alabama; and

WHEREAS, after serving with probity for 20 years as Democratic Party secretary, and  
later as vice chairman, Mr. Cheek was elected chairman in January, 1995 at a time when the  
Democratic Party had suffered a series of GOP success at the polls; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure he has focused his energies and resources on rebuilding  
the Party's infrastructure from upgrading its technological capabilities to improving relations with  
its allied groups; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Cheek's term of service as chairman truly stands unparalleled in the Tennessee Democratic Party's history; during his distinguished tenure, he has been instrumental in molding and shaping the future of the party; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding gentleman has provided valuable leadership and sagacious advice to the party, focusing on the day-to-day aspects of the organization, the improvement of which has provided organization to the party and its candidates with a solid foundation for the future; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cheek has aggressively sought to build stronger relations with the media, in order to better deliver the party's message for its candidates; and

WHEREAS, although Will Cheek leaves his post at the helm of the Tennessee Democratic Party, his legacy will serve to inspire others within the party for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, by means of his incomparable endeavors in public life, Mr. Cheek has worked successfully to make the Tennessee Democratic Party a formidable player in Tennessee politics; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure with the Tennessee Democratic Party, Will Cheek has selflessly placed the welfare of his party ahead of personal concerns to the great benefit of all Democrats; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cheek's dedicated public service and industrious leadership have been essential to the party's prosperity during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, men of his talent and stature do not often walk among us, and Mr. Cheek should be specially recognized as a sterling representative of the true spirit of the Volunteer State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Mr. Will T. Cheek upon his meritorious service to the

good people of Tennessee; salute his distinguished and productive tenure as a member of the Democratic Party, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.